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AN IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM AND IMAGE SEARCHING METHOD, AND  
A RECORDING MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING PROGRAM

the specification of which (X) is attached hereto;

( ) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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